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Raborn's Sister Notes Security Chief's Ability

Says Her Brother Is Motivated By Sense Of Duty

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Paramus — Beth Raborn, a professional pianist, sat in a dimly lit cocktail lounge letting her fingers glide over the keyboard playing "Anchors Aweigh", the first song she ever learned.

"My brother is a self-made man with a deep sense of duty to his country," she said.

She was talking about retired Admiral William F. Raborn Jr., developer of the Polaris missile, who was named Sunday by President Johnson to succeed John A. McCone as head of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Miss Raborn lives in Wyckoff with her husband and daughter Linda, 19, who will be married Saturday. She plays nightly at the Steak Pit Restaurant.

"When Bill is in a position to produce, he will produce. He is very determined and he makes up his mind to accomplish what he is asked to do," is the sister's estimate of Admiral Raborn.

STRICT BUT HUMAN

Although Raborn is a strict disciplinarian, she added, he is human, warm, personable, quick witted, and has a tremendous sense of humor. "He approaches everything in a kind manner. He is the type of man who inspires you to go ahead."

As a retired Navy admiral, Raborn came out of his 1-year absence from the Government to make himself available for the post. The appointment still has to be ratified by the Senate.

When asked why she thought he offered to come back as head of the C. I. A., Miss Raborn thought for a moment and said, "I think he felt a sense of duty to his country, and when he is called, he responds."

She added, "He will do a good job. His background is good for this position. I feel he is very capable. Anything he has tackled before, he has been very successful at right from the start."



BETH RABORN

"I am very happy and proud because he is a wonderful person."

She said that he has a wide range of hobbies to go along with his inquiring mind. "He always wants to know the reasons why."

The in-depth study, she said, applies to everything he tackles. As an example, she offered his approach to golf. "He is a good golfer because he read a lot and learned the scientific aspects of the game. You'd be surprised how much it can help your game."

With a long list of accomplishments to be proud of — the first Navy man to win the Collier Aviation Award, having his method of gunnery teaching adopted by the Navy in Pearl Harbor during World War II and other citations and awards that line the walls of his den —

she said, "He is proud, but not brash. He is proud to be in America and able to do something for his country."

AN OPEN MIND

Another of his attributes, she said, is his energy and vitality and his willingness to learn something he wants to learn. "Three or 4 years ago he heard me playing the organ and he decided he wanted to learn how to play, too. He went back to Washington and bought one and now plays it all the time." She added that Raborn plunges into his swimming pool at his Palm Springs, Calif. home every morning and every afternoon.

She explained that the entire family — six brothers and two sisters — is musically inclined. In fact, she said, that while Raborn was at Annapolis, she learned to play the piano. "The first song I learned," she re-

called, "was 'Anchors Aweigh' I did it for him."

She described him further as a good family man, a pious individual, and a forceful speaker. "When he speaks, he holds your attention by looking you right in the eye."

As for overcoming obstacles, she said, "He never seems down. He always seems capable of solving anything that is presented to him."

As an example, she offered his accomplishments with the Polaris program when he decided the project should be completed before the deadline and it was.

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